FIFTH DAY.

Wednesday, 24th October 1934.

The House reassembled at 12 of the clock.

Before the business on the agenda was taken up, MR. K. CHENGALARAYA REDDY begged leave to make a representation on behalf of the House with regard to the conduct of work of the Assembly. He thought that the rules relating to the conduct of business were capable of stricter application than at present, in which case the House would be enabled to transact business more expeditiously. At present, due to dilatory talks now and then, a large volume of business was lapsing under several heads. If the President was pleased to grant his request, he said that the members of the House would be perfectly willing to abide by the instructions and co-operate with the President in every way so that as much of the business on the agenda as possible might actually be got through.

MR. M. C. LINGE GOWDA supported this request.

MR. M. S. SIDDALINGA SETTY also spoke in favour of it and added that members of the Assembly who were not on the Legislative Council should be shown preference in the matter of voicing their opinions.

THE DEWAN thanked Mr. Chengalaraya Reddy and his supporters for the suggestions and said that it would be in the interest of the House itself if members fully realized the value of time and not allowed, as sometimes happened at present, even questions to be converted into representations. Questions were meant only to ask for information and there should be no argument or discussion over them. By giving too much attention to subjects of minor importance, more important matters would naturally go undiscussed and it would not be possible to go on extending the duration of the session. It would save time and expenditure if the maximum possible business was transacted within the allotted time. In this view, he had no doubt that members would extend full co-operation to him in giving effect to the appeal made by Mr. Chengalaraya Reddy.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS—*Contd.*

Non-restoration of Kurdihalli Tank, Kunigal Taluk.

MR. K. V. SUBRAHMANYASWAMI (Kunigal Municipality).—

Q.—24. Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) When did the tank of Kurdihalli, Kottigere Hobli, Kunigal Taluk, breach ?

(*b*) How many acres of wet and *bagayet* lands were cultivated when the tank was in good condition and what was the income to Government as land revenue ?

(*c*) What would be the cost of repair of the tank ?

(*d*) Have the Government taken any action to repair it ; if so, when ?

(*e*) Have enquiries been made regarding the payment of any contribution by the raiyats for the repair of this tank ?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.—

A.—24. (*a*) In the year 1921.

(*b*) 40 acres, 15 guntas, according to re-survey. Rs. 160-12-0.

(*c*) About Rs. 11,500.

(*d*) The project is under scrutiny.

(*e*) The raiyats have agreed to pay a contribution of Rs. 8,290.

MR. K. V. SUBRAHMANYASWAMI.—Are the Government aware that the Tumkur road is being damaged frequently on account of the non-restoration of this tank ?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.—Yes.

MR. K. V. SUBRAHMANYASWAMI.—In how many years do Government expect to restore the tank ?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.—It is not possible to fix a time limit. The idea is to restore the tank as soon as funds become available.

MR. K. V. SUBRAHMANYASWAMI.—In view of the small expenditure that Government have to incur over and

above the contribution paid by the villagers, would it not be possible to expedite the work?

DEWAN.—It is a very useful project and I hope it will be possible to take it up soon.

ANOTHER MEMBER.—In view of the fact that the project was prepared long ago, is it not necessary to revise the estimate now?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.—The whole question is under scrutiny.

THE SAME MEMBER.—Are not the Government aware that other tanks below Kurdihalli Tank are also getting silted up on account of the delay in execution of this work?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.—Yes, that is an inevitable result.

Extension of Electric Line to Madhugiri and Koratagere Taluks.

MESSRS. K. SRINIVASIAH (Madhugiri Taluk) and K. N. SIDDARAMA SETTY (Madhugiri Municipality).—

Q.—25. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) How many applications have been received for the supply of electric pumps from the raiyats of Madhugiri and Koratagere Taluks?

(*b*) What action have the Government taken on these applications?

(*c*) What will be the initial cost for extension of electric line for this purpose?

(*d*) Have not the municipalities of Madhugiri and Koratagere prayed for extension of electric line either from Tumkur *via* Koratagere or from Goribidnur?

(*e*) Has not a survey also been made and are they not incessantly requesting for supply of electricity to their areas also?

(*f*) Is any guarantee given by them and if so, how much?

(*g*) What proportion does this bear to the initial cost to be incurred for supply of electricity?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, ELECTRICAL DEPARTMENT.—

A.—25. (*a*) 42.

(*b*) Estimates have been prepared on the basis of the requirements of these applicants and of the municipalities.

(*c*) Rs. 1,78,000.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) Yes.

(*f*) No guarantee has been given.

(*g*) Does not arise.

MR. K. SRINIVASAIAH.—Is it true that the Government asked for a guarantee of a 10 per cent return on the funds to be invested on the proposed line as against the usual guarantee of 5 per cent?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, ELECTRICAL DEPARTMENT.—In every case the gross return should come up to 10 per cent so that the net income will be 5 per cent. There is no departure in this case from the usual procedure.

MR. K. SRINIVASAIAH.—Did the Government ask the Madhugiri and Koratagere Municipalities for any contribution?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, ELECTRICAL DEPARTMENT.—No; the municipalities have nothing to do with it.

MR. K. SRINIVASAIAH.—With reference to the answer to question (*f*), may I again ask whether the Government are certain that no guarantee has been given?

FIRST MEMBER OF COUNCIL.—Guarantee has not been given, and even if it is given, the municipalities may not be able to meet their obligations under the guarantee.

MR. K. SRINIVASAIAH.—Have Koratagere and Madhugiri Municipalities made and broken such promises in the past?

SECRETAEY TO GOVRRNMENT, ELECTRICAL DEPARTMENT.—Unfortunately, that has been the experience generally. If, however, definite promises are made in this case, there will be no objection to consider them.

MR. K. SRINIVASAIAH.—Are not the Government aware that the two municipalities are able to give and respect the required guarantee?

DEWAN.—So long as extension of power to more important places has not been achieved, it will not be possible to take up lines such as that under reference. As regards the guarantee,